This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An axial piston machine [[with]] having a rotatably mounted cylinder drum~~, which comprises~~ possessing a central recess and a plurality of cylinder bores extending approximately ~~axially relative to~~ coaxially with the central recess, ~~in which bores~~ pistons [[are]] being movably guided in said bores, ~~which are supported on~~ a swash plate supporting said pistons via guide shoes, ~~which are guided in~~ recesses in a return plate, ~~in the centrally~~ in which said guide shoes are guided, a return member being arranged in a central internal bore in the return plate, the return member being exposed to a pretensioning force in the axial direction by a compression spring via at least one pressure pin ~~by means of a tension spring~~, wherein each pressure pin comprises a planar surface enlargement radial relative to its longitudinal axis at [[its]] a bottom end thereof facing the return member, and the return member is subjected to a pretensioning force in the axial direction via plurality of said pressure pins by said compression spring.

Claim 2 (Cancelled).

3. (Currently Amended) An axial piston machine according to claim 2, wherein the pressure pins are arranged equidistantly in a circle concentric to the central recess of said cylinder drum.

4. (Currently Amended) An axial piston machine according to claim [[2]] 1, wherein a spring washer transmits the pretensioning force of the ~~tension~~ compression spring ~~is transmitted~~ to the pressure pins ~~via a spring washer~~.

5. (Currently Amended) An axial piston machine according to claim 4, wherein each said pressure pin comprises a surface enlargement radial relative to its longitudinal axis at [[its]] the top end thereof opposite its bottom end [[and]] facing the spring washer.

6. (Currently Amended) An axial piston machine according to claim 5, wherein a retaining hook is provided ~~in each case~~ at [[the]] each outer edge of the two surface enlargements of each said pressure pin.

7. (Currently Amended) An axial piston machine according to claim 6, wherein each said retaining hook at the end of the respective surface enlargement of each said pressure pin projects in each [[case]] instance approximately perpendicularly out of [[the]] a bearing surface formed by the end face of a basic member, and in each [[case]] instance the end face of the surface enlargement.

8. (Currently Amended) An axial piston machine according to claim 6 wherein each retaining hook at the end of the surface enlargement at the bottom end of each said pressure pin is introduced ~~in each case~~ into an associated opposing bore in the return member.

9. (Previously Presented) An axial piston machine according to claim 6 wherein at the top end of the pressure pins, the retaining hooks at the end of the surface enlargement enclose the spring washer.

10. (Currently Amended) An axial piston machine according to claim [[1]] 7, wherein [[the]] a bearing surface, formed from the end face of the planar surface enlargement and the end face of the basic member, at the bottom end of each pressure pin ~~exhibits~~ possesses at least twice as large a surface area as the end face of the basic member of the pressure pin.

11. (Currently Amended) An axial piston machine according to claim 5, wherein the outer edges of the bearing surfaces of the surface enlargements at the top end of two diametrically opposed said pressure pins ~~exhibit~~ provide a spacing which corresponds to the external diameter of the spring washer.

12. (Currently Amended) An axial piston machine according to claim 5, wherein selectively, one or both of the two surface enlargements of each said pressure pin ~~is/are provided~~ is or are located on one side relative to the longitudinal axis of the pressure pin.

13. (Currently Amended) An axial piston machine according to claim 1, wherein each said pressure pin ~~exhibits~~ possesses the same length.

14. (Currently Amended) An axial piston machine according claim 1, wherein in the central recess of the rotatably mounted cylinder drum, a shaft acts in the manner of a drive ~~by means of~~ through a spline profile and the pressure pins are guided through the spline profile.

Claim 15-21 (Cancelled).

22. (New) An axial piston machine having a rotatably mounted cylinder drum possessing a central recess and a plurality of cylinder bores extending approximately coaxially with the central recess, pistons being movably guided in said bores, a swash plate supporting said pistons via guide shoes, recesses in a return plate, in which said guide shoes are guided, a return member being arranged in a central internal bore in the return plate, the return member being exposed to a pretensioning force in the axial direction by a compression spring via at least one pressure pin, wherein each pressure pin comprises a planar surface enlargement radial relative to its longitudinal axis at a bottom end thereof facing the return member, and the return member is subjected to a pretensioning force in the axial direction via plurality of said pressure pins by said compression spring, and wherein a surface enlargement on each said pressure pin engages into a pocket provided in the return member, at the outer edge of at least one of the surface enlargements of each pressure pin, there is in each case provided a retaining hook, and in that the retaining hook engages in each case in a recess in the associated pocket.